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To: Bhattacharya, Dipanjana; Cook, Brenda; Kendrick, Bret; Khoury, Ghassan; Ofosu, Philip; Price, Lisa; Rauscher,

Jon; Shewmake, Kenneth; Turner, LaDonna; Turner, Philip

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Bcc: Banipal, Ben

Subject: Division/Branch Debrief Notes - Action Items

Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 9:26:00 AM

Attachments: Copy of 6SF JHA Required Training January 2015 - 6SF-TR.xls

DIVISION/BRANCH DEBRIEF NOTES (1/5/214)

DIVISION DEBRIEF

The **REGIONAL WE CARE AWARD** for November 2014 was presented to by Sam Coleman to **Philip Ofosu** for his work on the CERCLIS to SEMS data migration activities last year. **Great Job Philip!**

Carl's Notes

- As part of the Region's MLK Celebration Activities, a Congressman from North Carolina will be giving a talk – more information to come.
- Carl's Hot Issues included the Vertac/Arkwood Dioxin Reassessment, the Congressional from Cedric L. Richmond regarding the Marrero Commons housing development in New Orleans, Donna Canal, St. Rose, Longhorn Update, Grants Mining District, etc. Briefings with Carl to be scheduled to cover these and other topics.
- We have yet to receive our FY 2015 budget.
- Rule Effectiveness This is a national effort looking at ways to make EPA Rules more effective (easier to implement, understand, enforce, etc.). Brenda and Dipanjana will be involved in this.
- Avery/Cavello Training Carl would like to hold a brown bag with participants to discuss the training and what we can use ongoing.
- Chevron Questa the Regional Administrator will be meeting with Chevron Questa representatives on 1/14/15.
- CFC Results the Superfund Division lead the Region by obtaining 128% of our target!
 Thanks LaDonna for your work on this effort.

BRANCH DEBRIEF

WAR Issues for this week (due to Deborah by noon on Wednesday)

- **Lisa** Please draft up a WAR on your DOE/BLM/Region 9/Region 6/HQ discussions regarding the DOE Fiscal Year 2016 budget request for orphan mines.
- **Dipanjana** If we get enough information regarding the Marrero Commons housing development, Ben requested a WAR on the Congressional Response Letter. This may be pushed out till next week depending on when we get information from the State and HANO.

Ethics Training

• **Ghassan & Philip Turner** – please complete the FY 2014 Ethics Training and provide a copy of your training certificate to Deborah and me.

Carl Briefings

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- Grants Mining District Scheduled for next Thursday (1/15/2015) at 10:30 a.m. Will need to pre-brief Ben.
- Rule Effectiveness Brenda, Dipanjana Pre-brief Ben the week of the 20th. Brief Carl on 1/29/15. We will need to discuss the relevant rules, what has already be done, and how much time/effort this may take.

RDT Follow-Up - Risk Assessment Training

Jon, Ghassan – Go ahead and put in your travel projections to conduct this training. For the ADEQ/Tribal training in New Mexico, split the projected costs between non-site travel (for the NMED training) and site specific travel (Jackpile Site) for the Laguna/Tribal training. Ben would like the New Mexico trainings to take place on February 4-5, 2015. Also project travel for the ADEQ Risk Assessment Training.

Scout Entries

Brenda – Ben requested two Scout Entries for the Proposed Rule for Colonial Creosote and Burrent Groundwater. The Scout milestones will be receipt of the Governor's letters. **Is the target date for the Governor's letters 1/14/2015?**

Branch Meeting – Scheduled for next Wednesday (1/14/2014)

We will be holding our next Branch Meeting next Wednesday. Carl will be invited to give a Division update and to answer any questions you may have. There will also be 5-minute updates on EXPLO and the Homestake Risk Assessment effort. Ghassan/Jon/Kenneth – the Homestake Risk Assessment Update should include a discussion of the issues, challenges, what we did to resolve these challenges, and lessons learned. We will also recognize our January Birthdays (Ghassan, Lisa, Deborah, LaDonna, Kelvin, and Courtney).

JHA Training Tracking

Attached is a excel file provided by Patty Sonntag. The file indicates in red which training is not current. I know that some of the information provided by Patty is not current. Please be sure to provide copies of your training certificates to Deborah and me and take training as needed.

New-Year's Eve – 3 hour early release

For those who worked on 12/31/14, please indicate on your timecards the 3 hour early release as "Administrative Leave."

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